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Canton City Public Health Announces Health and Back-to-School Fair August 14th

(Canton, OH) – Canton City Public Health (CCPH) is pleased to announce a Health and Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 14th at Crenshaw Park from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. This event is free and open to all members of the community.

Canton City Public Health has partnered with several Southeast Canton churches, Buckeye Health Plan, and the Greater Stark County Urban League to organize the fair which will feature free health screenings; vision screenings; COVID vaccinations; family activities including games and raffles; free food; haircuts; and a backpack and school supplies giveaway. Medicaid and MyCare members of managed care plans, age 18 and older with a valid ID, who get vaccinated at the event will receive a \$100 gift card. CCPH will provide a \$100 Walmart gift card to those who receive a vaccine and are not on managed care plan.

“The health and back-to-school fair will be a day of fun for the community that offers free health services including COVID-19 vaccines,” said Jim Adams, Health Commissioner for Canton City Public Health. “Vaccination remains essential to the health of our community, and I hope everyone who has not yet been vaccinated for COVID will visit us and receive a vaccine to help protect loved ones.”

“I encourage all of our friends and neighbors to join us for the health and back-to-school fair,” said Pastor Michael Pressley Sr. of Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ. “Supporting healthy habits is a priority for our church, and I look forward to the community coming together for a day of health and family and Vaxfun.”

“From COVID vaccines, to vision screenings, to women’s health education, there will be plenty of free health services available at the fair,” said Pastor Shawn Lemon of Sherrick Road Church of God. “It’s never too late to get the free vaccine, and the fair will be a fantastic opportunity to do so while spending time with the community.”

“An empowered community begins with a healthy community,” said Diane Robinson, President and CEO of the Greater Stark County Urban League. “The fair will provide access to important health offerings like the COVID vaccine, and I hope others will join me in taking advantage of these free services.”

Vaccine will be available for anyone age 12 or older. Canton City Public Health will be offering both Moderna and the single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Aultman Hospital will be offering Pfizer.

Crenshaw Park is located at 1500 Sherrick Rd. SE in Canton, next to the Edward “Peel” Coleman Community Center. Event will be held rain or shine.

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